GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:87
ANSWERED ON:04.03.2008
EXPENDITURE ON EDUCATION
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government proposes to raise the expenditure on education during the Eleventh Five Year Plan in comparison to the Tenth Five Year Plan as reported in the Financial Express dated December 14,2007;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the percentage of GDP the Government proposes to spend on Education during the Eleventh Plan period against the targets of National Common Minimum Programme; and

(d) the extent to which the education sector is likely to be benefited?

Answer

MINSTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SHRI ARJUN SINGH)

(a)to(d) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 87 BY SHRI SURESH ANGADI AND SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY, HON'BLE MPs REGARDING 'EXPENDITURE ON EDUCATION' TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.03.2008.

(a)&(b): An allocation of Rs.2,69,873 crore has been provided to the Ministry of Human Resource Development

(Rs. 1,84,930 crore for the Department of School Education & Literacy and Rs. 84,943 crore for the Department of Higher Education), as compared to a total expenditure of about Rs.58,820 crore during the X Five Year Plan.

(c): It is not possible to realistically project the public expenditure on education as percentage of GDP,by the end of XI Plan due to the several assumptions involved in its calculation such as estimates of Plan and Non-Plan expenditure by the Ministry of Human Resource Development,other Ministries and Departments of Central Government and the State Governments and also the figure of GDP by the end of the XI Plan.Planning Commission has indicated that substantial increase in the proposed allocation for Education Sector during XI Plan over X Plan expenditure,reflects the high priority being given to the Education Sector and represents a credible progress towards raising the public spending on education to 6% of GDP.

(d): The increased allocation during XI Plan is expected to lead to increased access while ensuring quality and inclusiveness.